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May 26 (Agencies) -- Saudi Arabia announced tonight a budget of 160 billion riyals (about \$50 billion), 31 per cent more than last year, Riyadh Radio reported. A 46.8 per cent increase in defence and 8.3 billion riyals on health services, municipalities and housing, civil and subsidies and loans. The statement did not mention revenue from oil, but it accounted for 57 per cent of the budget, which amounted to 132.9 billion riyals.

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**Red Army threatens new attacks**  
TOKYO, May 26 (J) -- The Japanese Red Army, responsible for an attack on Tel Aviv airport in 1972 in which 27 people died, has threatened to launch new attacks, the Japanese news agency Kyodo reported today. The threat came in a statement mailed from Bombay to a left-wing publisher in Tokyo to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the May 30 airport attack, the agency said. The group said they were determined to renew their struggle and the Red Army would fight against the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel signed last March. Of the three Japanese Red Army members who attacked the airport, two were killed and the remaining one, Koza Okamoto, 31, is serving a life sentence in an Israeli prison. Tokyo police have been alerted to the statement, Kyodo said. The agency quoted police officials as saying today that Red Army supporters might begin operations in southeast Asia since the letter was posted from India.

## Sadat raises Egyptian flag over Sinai capital

Egypt, May 26 (AP) -- President Anwar Sadat today raised the Egyptian flag over the Sinai desert town of Al Arish, marking the first step towards the return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt. The ceremony, which took place in the presence of Egyptian and Israeli officials, was a symbolic gesture of peace. Sadat, dressed in a white naval admiral's uniform, was accompanied by a high-ranking Egyptian officer. The flag was hoisted on a tall pole in the town of Al Arish, which was the last Egyptian-held town in the Sinai. The ceremony was a significant moment in the process of returning the Sinai to Egypt.

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President Anwar Sadat, dressed in a white naval admiral's uniform, is attended by an unidentified Egyptian officer (left), Saturday in the Sinai Desert town of Al Arish, when he raised the Egyptian flag over the city. (AP wirephoto)

## Carter sends Javits as personal envoy to Sudan

WASHINGTON, May 26 (R) -- Republican Senator Jacob Javits leaves for the Sudan tomorrow as President Carter's personal envoy to discuss matters of mutual interest with Sudanese officials, the state department announced today. Javits is a prominent Republican senator and has been chosen for this role due to his experience in international relations. The mission is part of President Carter's efforts to improve relations with Sudan. Javits will be accompanied by a small entourage.

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## Syria, Iraq on verge of proclaiming union

BEIRUT, May 26 (AP) -- Syria and Iraq were reported Saturday on the verge of proclaiming a federal union that would field a merged army of 439,000 men supported by 4,200 tanks and 731 warplanes. The union would be a significant step towards the creation of a larger Arab state. The two countries have been in discussions for some time about the possibility of a union. The proposed union would combine the military and political resources of both nations. The move has been met with mixed reactions in the region.

## Qatar increases crude oil prices

BAHRAIN, May 26 (R) -- Qatar, the smallest oil producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), today announced an increase in its exported crude oil price, leaving Saudi Arabia as the only Gulf producer which has not imposed a premium on its price. The increase is a response to the rising costs of oil production and distribution. It is expected to have a significant impact on the global oil market.

## U.N. settlements team leaves for Damascus

DAMASCUS, May 26 (R) -- A three-nation U.N. Security Council commission arrived here today from Amman on the second leg of its fact-finding tour. It is examining the question of Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territories. The commission is led by a high-ranking U.N. official. It will spend several days in Damascus before moving on to other locations. The findings of the commission will be crucial in determining the future of the occupied territories.

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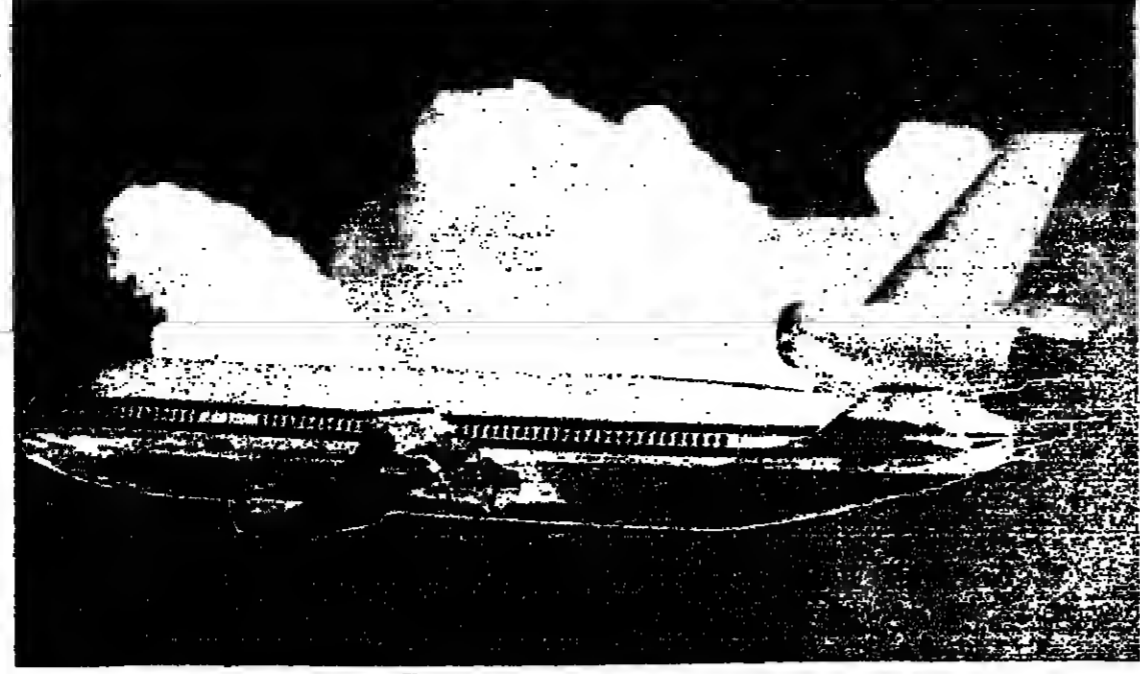
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The McDonnell Douglas DC-10

## Former astronaut on mission to sell DC-10 jets to Alia

By Sara O'Neil  
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 26 — Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr., a former U.S. astronaut who is probably the first visitor to Jordan who has viewed the Middle East while in orbit around the Earth, was in Amman last week on a rather different mission.

As Vice President of Douglas Aircraft Company for marketing, he was here to hold talks with Mr. Ali Ghandour, Chairman of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and to submit a bid for the sale of McDonnell Douglas' wide-cabin tri-jet, the DC-10.

The DC-10 is one of four wide-bodied aircraft that Alia is now considering adding to its fleet in the early 1980's, the other contenders being the Boeing 767, the Airbus (manufactured by a consortium of European companies) and the Lockheed TriStar.

These four aircraft lead the field in new types of passenger planes designed to meet the growing needs of airlines around the world in the next decade. Apart from being more economical to run, they all comply with the strict new aircraft noise restrictions currently being imposed in North America and Europe. These restrictions will result in the gradual withdrawal from service of most of the conventional aircraft currently in operation, particularly the Boeing 707 and DC-8 types.

Alia's fleet of Boeing 707s will be sold off starting in 1980 as they achieve 50,000 hours flying time. The airline's Boeing 747s or "Jumbos" are used on the European routes which account for the heaviest amount of air traffic with Jordan.

It is for the long-haul "thin" routes (with lower density of passengers) such as Alia's proposed routes to North American cities west of New York (Houston and Los Angeles), to South America via Africa and to the Far East that Douglas Aircraft hopes to be supplying DC-10's.

Mr. Conrad flew here from Cairo where Douglas recently pulled off its first sale of DC-10s



Charles Conrad Jr., wearing a space suit when he was commander of the first Skylab crew.

to Middle East airline, Egyptair has just bought four DC-10s with an option on four more. Mr. Conrad obviously hopes that this sale will encourage other airlines in the region to consider acquiring the DC-10, since the acquisition of similar airliners would ease the maintenance problems of the neighbouring countries' airlines.

At present the only Middle East airline flying McDonnell Douglas aeroplanes is Saudia, whose fleet, the largest in the Arab World, includes DC-8s and DC-3s. The DC-10 has already proved popular with various European airlines such as Sabena, KLM and Lufthansa which operates them on Pacific routes. Among the Asian airlines flying DC-10s are Pakistan International and Air India.

The maximum seating capacity of a DC-10 is 380, and most airlines apply a configuration of 250-270 seats in the first and economy class sections. The other tri-jets, the Lockheed L-1011 TriStar and the twin-engine Boeing 767 have a seating capacity of 200-plus. With such strong competition, the cost of the aircraft is a deciding factor. The cost of a DC-10 is in the region of \$50 million, which apparently compares favourably with Boeing at least. It will not be known until next month which manufacturer has won the bid.

McDonnell Douglas is also in the final stages of preparing a rival to the Boeing 727—the DC9-80

which is more fuel-efficient than the 727. The aeroplane will be ready to go on the market later in the year.

Having discussed the sale of DC-10 at some length, the Jordan Times was keen to hear a little about Pete Conrad's former renowned life as an astronaut. Mr. Conrad started his career as a U.S. Navy test pilot. After nine years in the navy, he volunteered to join the space programme and in the next eleven years (from 1962 to 1973, when he retired) went on four space missions, most notably in November 1969 on the second flight to the moon aboard Apollo 12.

Pete Conrad and Alan Bean landed their lunar capsule in the Sea of Storms, staying more than 30 hours on the moon collecting lunar samples. Mr. Conrad's other space missions were in Gemini 5 (1965) Gemini 11 (1965) and Skylab 2 (1973). Skylab was the first American manned orbiting station to be launched, was in orbit for nearly a month.

Surely all these extraordinary experiences had left a lasting impression on him? From a fellow astronaut who made the fifth landing on the moon in Apollo 15, Conrad claims to have "felt the presence of God" on the moon, whose beauty, he said, "made the infinite precision necessary to accomplish such a mission."

"Sorry to disappoint you," joked the affable, obviously very down-to-earth Mr. Conrad, "but such dramatic changes in his understanding of life had occurred. In fact, Mr. Conrad did not seem at all overwhelmed by the facts of the space missions but rather the course taken by the U.S. in carrying back the space programme. Mr. Conrad believes that further exploration of the moon would be greatly advantageous to the advancement of man's understanding of the solar system.

In 1973, "when there was nothing left to fly", and not wishing to hang round for years for the next flight, Mr. Conrad retired and joined Douglas Aircraft. Of the twelve astronauts who landed on the moon only three, including Conrad, ever took part in spaceflights again, and only one astronaut is still in the programme. Mr. Conrad is not the only one to go into the commercial side of the air industry: Neil Armstrong, for instance, is director of United Airlines as well as being a professor of aeronautical engineering. Mr. Conrad still test flies Douglas aircraft whenever possible. In his spare time he flies light aircraft.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

### French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Pierre Jallaud entitled "La chaise vide" at 7:30 p.m. The film is in colour with Arabic subtitles.

### Batik Exhibit

The Ministry of Culture and Youth presents an exhibition of batik by Michele Mills at the Art Gallery. The exhibit is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

### Fine Arts Week

The general meeting of the Jordanian Artists' Association is being held at 4:00 p.m. The exhibition of works by Jordanian artists is on display until Sunday evening. On Monday, an exhibition of children's paintings will open at 5:00 p.m.

### Archaeology Lecture

The Friends of Archaeology present a lecture by Jo Ann Carlton on Iron Age ink texts on wall plaster found at Deir Alla. The lecture takes place at the American Centre of Oriental Research on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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## ANALYSIS

# Oil and ignorance

By Gwynne Dyer

"THERE IS NO SHORTAGE of energy. It's a problem created by bureaucrats and inept policy." So said U.S. Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, who clearly realises that it is dangerous for a politician to be less ignorant than the people who vote for him. Two out of three Americans, after all, still cling stubbornly to the belief that the oil shortage is merely a plot by the oil companies to gain higher profits.

"The energy problem is still essentially an American problem." That was the response of a British paper to the sort of determined ignorance typified by Senator Stevens, but much the same is being said, with growing bitterness, in every other industrialised European country. There is indeed an oil shortage, but it is entirely the fault of greedy American consumers who would rather believe any implausible fantasy than accept the need to curtail their own lavish energy consumption.

Since 1973 the nine countries of the Common Market have cut their dependence on imported energy from 63 per cent to 56 per cent, and they are on course for bringing it down to 50 per cent by 1985. Most other industrialised countries have done the same. But the U.S., whose influence on the world oil market is immense, has raised the share of imports in its oil consumption from 35 per cent to 43 per cent in the same period.

The figures speak for themselves. Crude oil consumption in the non-Communist world was forecast to be about 52 million barrels a day this year, and the shortfall due to Iran which is causing all the present anguish is only 1.5-2 million barrels a day. Yet in the last year alone the U.S. increased its oil imports by 1 million barrels a day; if it weren't for the American consumer's habits, there literally wouldn't be any shortage.

The oil shortage is causing some mild inconvenience to California drivers, but it is the rest of the world that is really taking the beating. Deliveries of heating oil have been cut to 80 per cent of the 1978 level in Belgium. Half the private cars in Greece are banned from the road every weekend. And for the poorer oil-importing countries the oil price rises made possible by scarcity (almost 30 per cent this year already) are an absolute disaster.

In a desperate attempt to cut oil imports, for example, Turkey has just raised petrol prices to over \$3.50 a gallon (\$0.75 per litre). Drivers in Ankara boarded so much at home in anticipation of the increase that, as one Turkish official remarked, "if you lit a match the whole town would blow up."

The habits of the American consumer are rapidly creating an international political problem

for the U.S. The message is being carried to the citizens of other oil-importing countries that their miseries are due to the behaviour of America. It will not be long now until their resentment becomes a major factor in U.S. relations with Europe in particular.

Nor can those who want to prevent this resentment from boiling over take any comfort in the carnival of irresponsibility and self-deception which has been the U.S. Congressional response to the crisis. Since January Congress has rejected every serious proposal to save energy and cut oil imports that President Carter has submitted to it. It has produced no alternative proposals of its own, and is now even challenging President Carter's decision to de-control domestic oil prices.

The result is that oil, incredibly, remains the cheapest fuel on the U.S. market. President Carter's famous summons to Americans to pursue energy conservation and self-sufficiency is the "moral equivalent of war," his not so subtle response that it has been cruelly but accurately dubbed "meow". It is hardly surprising that Energy Secretary Dr. James Schlesinger has repeatedly tried to resign in disgust.

It is perfectly true that the shortfall in world oil supplies which is causing the present difficulties is only 3 or 4 per cent of total demand, but that does not make it less serious. In the highly relevant remark of Charles Dickens: "Annual income £20.00, annual expenditure £19.95, result happiness. Annual income £20.00, annual expenditure £20.05, result misery." And the misery will not go away.

Oil supplies before the Iranian revolution were already tight due to rising consumption in the U.S. alone. The total loss of Iranian exports in four months, and the permanent reduction of Iranian production by at least 2 million barrels a day, have pushed the world premium on oil to the point of physical scarcity, and consequently soaring prices that were earlier being paid for in 1973-75.

There is no reasonable prospect that world production will rise fast enough to meet the demand again—unless, of course, the oil price of oil (another 15-20 per cent increase this year is not impossible) should make the world oil market recession as deep as 1974-75 and cut demand drastically. Or unless the U.S. miraculously find the will to curb its voracious appetite for imported oil.

If not, all the oil-importing countries will face heavy price, in rapid inflation and energy shortages. But the U.S. will have another price surge in the mounting hostility of all the other countries that know exactly whose to blame for their troubles.

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## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

COMMENTING ON the Beersheba negotiations on Palestinian "self-rule", AL RA'I Saturday says that President Sadat will call on the Arabs to participate in the negotiations. The paper ridicules President Sadat for believing that the "big stick policy" of Israel, with U.S. support, will force the Arabs to join in the negotiations as witnesses to the "conspiracy to liquidate the Palestinian issue."

Describing the Beersheba negotiations as the "most serious phase of implementing the Camp David agreements" the paper believes that the Arabs will come under pressure, and will encounter plots since the goal of the current discussions — as expressed by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance — is "solving the Palestinian problem; otherwise there will be no comprehensive peace in the area."

The solution, according to the Camp David dictates, requires, as Mr. Vance said recently, that Palestinians living outside occupied Palestine should "carry the identity of the country in which they live."

Thus the "grand conspiracy" has begun by isolating two-thirds of the Palestinian people, leaving the other third besieged in the occupied territories, the paper says.

The paper slams Sadat for believing that the Arabs cannot fight without Egypt's assistance, and calls on the Arabs to build up their strength, maintain solidarity and support the Arabs in the occupied territories in order to prove Sadat's allegations false.

Writing on the same subject, AL DUSTOUR, lashes out at the Beersheba negotiations on self-rule, calling them a "comedy". The paper further criticises the contradictory attitudes of the Egyptian and Israeli negotiators, and says that while head of the Egyptian side stresses that the self-rule administration must "enjoy full autonomy," the Israeli side emphasises the three "Israeli nos" — "no" to a Palestinian state; "no" to Arab sovereignty in the occupied territories and "no" to the return of Jerusalem to its Arab owners.

Stressing the rights of both the Israelis and the Palestinians to a free and decent life Mr. Vance, the paper says, has made exciting statements in which he expressed regret that the Jordanians and Palestinians are not taking part in the negotiations.

The paper describes all three statements as "verbal duels", and affirms that these statements "no longer attract attention," and that the Arabs rejecting capitulation are not "an audience which can be pleased with mere words."

In conclusion, the paper says: "The Arabs, who will not be deceived by statements and exciting scenes, will press forward to achieve a just and comprehensive settlement to this issue at the U.N. and according to its will."

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## Central Bank eases currency restrictions

(JNA) -- Jordanians will be allowed to transfer up to JD 10,000 a year in Jordanian currency abroad, a statement by the Central Bank Executive Director, Mr. Mohammad Jaser, said here today. The new regulations permit transfers to local banks in any form abroad as cash, by cheque or by remittance order. Regulations for easing currency restrictions taken in 1973 led to increased confidence in Jordan's economy, and the country's foreign currency earnings jumped by 53 per cent over 1972, Mr. Jaser said.

Last year's foreign currency earnings reached JD 541 million, compared with JD 353 million in 1972, and deposits by Jordanians living abroad registered more than JD 64 million in March 1979, compared with some JD 30 million at the end of 1974, Mr. Jaser said.

## Technology transfer center opens today

The Secretary General of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Amun Yassin Al-Husseini, said the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECA) has prepared a detailed study of the idea of establishing a technology transfer center in Amman, which could be financed by the European Common Market countries. This center would be the connecting link with similar Arab centers, Mr. Husseini added.

To coincide with the conference, an exhibition of products manufactured in Jordan has been mounted in the chamber's exhibition hall. The samples are set out with no reference to individual companies since the aim is to show visitors merely the extent of Jordan's industrial progress. Among the samples on display are goods made from leather, plastic, rubber, steel, wool, pharmaceutical products, carpets, alcohol and foodstuffs. The most interesting display is a stand on solar energy.

Mr. Walid Astour, President of the Chamber of Industry, explained that it is hoped to maintain a permanent exhibition at the chamber and also to hold smaller specialized exhibitions from time to time, devoted, for example, to the textile or plastics industries.

The conference is being held in two languages -- Arabic and French. English speakers not versed in either language unfortunately will not profit by attending the lectures since there is no translation into English.

## What will Jordan's new national museum be like?



The First of Hercules is mounted at the entrance of the Jordan Archaeological Museum. To the left are the ruins of the Temple of Hercules. Strategically located in ancient times for military purposes, today Citadel Hill has value for tourism.

Text and photos  
by Marianne Pearson

Special to the Jordan Times  
AMMAN -- Plans for the new National Archaeological Museum to be built on the Citadel Hill are due to be completed at the end of this year, according to Dr. Adnan Hadidi, director of the Department of Antiquities. Building is to start in 1981 and be completed in 1982.

Michael Brawne and Associates, architectural consultants, will design the new building, which will incorporate the present Jordan Archaeological Museum as a gallery, at a cost of JD 82,000. Plans will treat the entire Citadel area, the site of biblical Rabbah Ammon, as a unit. Entrances, walks, car parks, landscaping, showcases and even furniture will be included in the designs. Three Amman architects will work with the London-based firm: Mr. Tahir Kawai, Mr. Awni Masri, and Mr. Mohammad Bdour.

"It will be like a European museum," Dr. Hadidi told the Jordan Times. "There will be a cafeteria, coffee shop, promenade, places where people can sit and relax. They can spend the whole day there."

"The Citadel can be considered an open museum. A visitor to the museum will not only see the galleries but tour the whole Citadel area."

Other factors that played a part in the choice of the site for the new building were the view of the city the Citadel offers to visitors and the fact that the government already owns the land.

The National Archaeological Museum will feature four main galleries: Stone Age; Bronze and Iron Ages; Hellenistic, Roman

and Byzantine Ages; and Islamic age. A cultural gallery will provide services to the public. It will include an audio-visual theatre to seat 150, a library containing books on the history and archaeology of the area, and two meeting rooms to be used by the museum staff and university students.

The main entrance wing will have an information counter, a gift shop and a small hall for displaying the latest findings from excavations.

The services department will have offices for staff, a laboratory for restoring artifacts, and a photography division for recording them. There will also be a laboratory for reproducing models of rare objects and statues. The storage area will receive all

objects found in excavations in the country, which will afterwards be distributed among the galleries of the new museum and other museums in Jordan or loaned to outside institutions.

The Jordan Archaeological Museum, completed in 1951, displays the most valuable discoveries made in Jordan representing all periods of the country's history. The museum has now run out of space.

"There are 13,000 objects registered in the museum, but space to display only 2,000 of them," Dr. Hadidi said. "We are always finding new things. Even though many excavations have been undertaken, only a minor part of the kingdom has been uncovered. Our present storage is choked to the point where there is no more space to store new finds. The new museum should be adequate to contain the finds expected to be made during the coming 50 years."



The new National Archaeological Museum will be built on land near these Umayyad ruins and connected with the present museum. Ruins on Citadel Hill will form an integral part of the museum complex.

Three archaeological teams will be working simultaneously at the museum site this summer to complete excavations began three years ago. If they find reasons to preclude construction there, an alternative site on the Citadel will be chosen. The three teams are directed by Mrs. Crystal Bennett of the British School of Archaeology, Dr. Fawzi Zayadin, assistant director for research and publications at the Department of Antiquities and Father Emilio Olivari of the National Museum of Madrid.

The Department of Antiquities also has plans for setting up new museums in various cities and archaeological sites.



A classical statue lies in a fenced-in area near the present museum which has run out of storage space. The new museum is to have facilities for restoring and preserving finds unearthed during the coming 50 years.

A museum was opened in Madaba this year. The preparation of one of the main vaults at Karak castle as a city museum is nearing completion. In Irbid, the Department has budgeted funds for the rental of a larger, more suitable building to house its collection. In Aqaba, a new museum is planned which, as with the others, will feature local finds. At Pella the "dig house" -- living and working quarters for archaeologists excavating at the site -- was built with funds provided by the Department and the two foreign teams excavating the site, one from the University of Sydney, Australia and the other from Wooster College, Ohio. This will be converted into a site museum. The Belgian Society for the study of Jordanian Archaeology is also interested in sharing the cost of building a dig house for its proposed excavations at Lehn, near Madaba, which may later be converted into a museum.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

Temperatures will be around average and there will be some medium and high clouds with northwesterly winds. In Aqaba, there will be northerly winds and calm seas.

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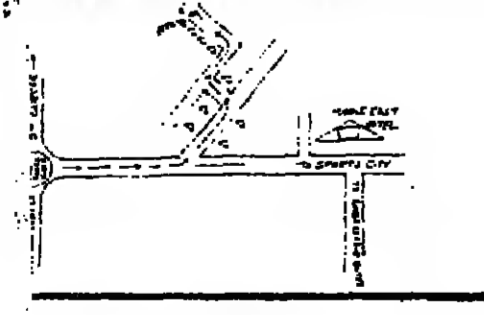
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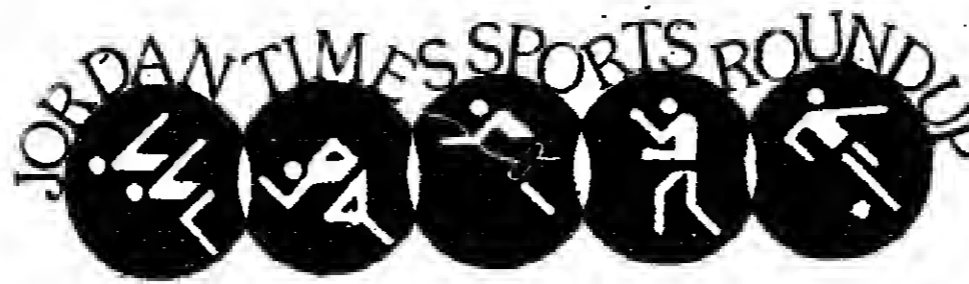
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## English soccer's Manager of the Year

LONDON, May 26 (AP)—Liverpool's Bob Paisley was yesterday named as English soccer's Manager of the Year for the third time in four years. Mr. Paisley, who has spent over 40 years with Liverpool, received £2,500. Since Mr. Paisley took over Liverpool from the great Bill Shankly, the club has won the European Cup twice, the UEFA Cup and three First Division titles. Liverpool's championship victory this season broke countless records. The team collected a record number of points and conceded fewer goals than any other team in English soccer history. Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough, who has guided his team to this year's European Cup final—beating Liverpool on the way—was runner-up.

## 'One-sided' European Cup soccer final?

MUNICH, West Germany, May (R)—The hardened English professionals of Nottingham Forest face Swedish part-timers Malmö here next Wednesday in what looks like the most one-sided European Cup soccer final for many years. Malmö are the most unexpected finalists since Panathinaikos of Greece lost to Ajax Amsterdam in 1971. No Swedish club has previously reached the last four, let alone the final of Europe's premier club competition. Nottingham Forest, in contrast, have looked natural heirs to the title ever since the first round when they beat holders Liverpool, the team they succeeded as English champions last season. They nearly slipped up in the semi-finals when they allowed West German champions Cologne to sneak into an early two-goal lead in Nottingham and to go home with a 3-3 draw. But they showed vast reserves of spirit in beating Cologne 1-0 away in silence 60,000 West Germans, who 90 minutes earlier had seen the road to the Munich final stretching gloriously ahead of them. Forest's victory wrecked the dream of a German triumph in Munich's Olympic Stadium, home of the country's famous club, Bayern Munich, who won the European Cup in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Forest now have the chance to make it three in a row for England, following in the wake of Liverpool who beat Borussia Mönchengladbach, West Germany's new UEFA Cup winner, 3-1 in the 1977 final and Bruges of Belgium 1-0 at Wembley last year. But Malmö have made a habit of confounding predictions throughout this European Cup. Their victims were French champions Monaco, Dinamo Kiev of the Soviet Union, who won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1975, Wisla Krakow of Poland, and Austrian champions Austria Wien. Malmö's record is Sweden's second in none-12 league titles and ten cup successes, three of each under their young British manager Bob Houghton who took over in 1973. They have not finished lower than second in the league since.



## Baseball Standings

## American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
<b>EAST</b>				
Baltimore	28	14	.667	—
Boston	25	16	.610	2½
Milwaukee	25	20	.556	4½
New York	23	19	.548	5
Detroit	16	20	.444	9
Cleveland	18	23	.439	9½
Toronto	11	33	.250	18
<b>WEST</b>				
Minnesota	25	16	.610	—
California	25	19	.568	1½
Texas	24	19	.558	2
Kansas City	24	20	.545	2½
Chicago	22	20	.524	3½
Seattle	17	29	.370	10½
Oakland	15	30	.333	12

## Friday's games

Seattle 3-5, Texas 2-3  
Boston at Toronto, ppd., rain  
New York at Cleveland, ppd., rain  
Baltimore at Detroit, ppd., rain  
Milwaukee 3, Oakland 2  
Chicago 6, California 1  
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 3

## National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
<b>EAST</b>				
Philadelphia	26	15	.634	—
Montreal	24	14	.632	½
St. Louis	21	17	.553	3½
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	6½
Chicago	17	21	.437	7½
New York	14	24	.368	10½
<b>WEST</b>				
Cincinnati	24	18	.571	—
San Francisco	23	20	.536	½
Houston	22	22	.500	2
Los Angeles	24	24	.476	4
San Diego	19	27	.413	7
Atlanta	15	21	.357	9

## Friday's games

St. Louis at Montreal, ppd., rain  
Pittsburgh 5, New York 3, 11 innings, ppd., fog  
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 0  
San Diego 2, Houston 1, ten innings  
Los Angeles 17, Cincinnati 6  
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 4

## UK Football Championship

## England top Scotland

LONDON, May 26 (R)—England retained their British soccer championship by beating Scotland 3-1 in the final match at Wembley today, continuing Scotland's dismal run since their traumatic trip to the World Cup finals in Argentina last year.

England's victory gave them five points in the championship and ended the title hopes of Wales, who after a 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland last night would have taken the crown if today's match had also been a draw.

Scotland, who have found winning a rare luxury since they secured a place in the World Cup finals last year, can take consolation from a first half performance which often had England on the rack.

But they did not make the most of the early chances created by their adventurous midfield men, and paid dearly later on.

John Wark scored first for Scotland but Peter Barnes gave England a great psychological boost by equalising just before half time, and second half goals by Steve Coppell and Kevin Keegan knocked the heart out of the Scots.

While England built their attacks slowly and often too deliberately, Scotland continually stretched the opposing defence with quick, intelligent raids and looked likely to repeat the victory they scored when the two teams last met at Wembley in 1977.

After England striker Bob Latchford had a fourth-minute goal disallowed for a foul on goalkeeper George Wood, the Scots came close to scoring through skipper Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness.

They took the lead in the 22nd minute when, after good work on the unmarked Dalglish on the left, he slipped the ball inside to Wark and the Ipswich player tapped in a simple goal.

Scotland continued to dictate terms as the first half wore on, but right on the interval a speculative shot by Barnes caught Wark unguarded and the ball crept into the corner of the Scottish net.

Clearly lifted by the goal, England began to take on the Scots, defence more in the second half and defeated the Scots with two goals inside seven minutes.

Goalkeeper Wood was to blame for the first in the 63rd minute, failed to hold a shot struck from the right-hand side of the penalty area by Ray Wilkins and Coppell—whose goal in the same match a year sank the Scots after they had dominated the game—stumbled ball in from close range.

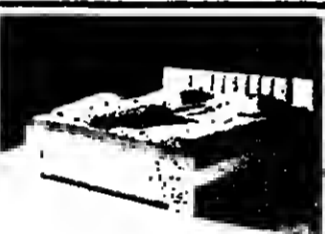
Keegan, the European Footballer of the Year, completed Scotland's misery when he rounded off a penetrating move down middle, picking up Trevor Brooking's exquisitely-weighted pass to beat Wood with a neatly-played shot inside the left-hand post. Scotland struggled gallantly to get back into the game for the 20 minutes, but the England defence, earlier quite shaky, was by then in an uncharitable mood and gave nothing away.

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# Jordan in History: Irrigation and Water Supply

by Nicola A. Ziadeh

seventh in a series on Jordan's history

and development of Jordan, as well as in the neighbouring countries. The settlement of a town or a city, did first for irrigation for the daily needs. These are obvious and are two obvious things. But we, too many things become a matter when we talk about it, or nearly so, to discuss with the

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## Chairman to attend World Bank meeting

26 (JNA) -- The World Bank will offer Jordan a loan of \$25 million, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) which will be present at the meeting, will on purchasing equipment for the project. Mr. Khasawneh told JNA today.

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in many other places.

Here, in the cases of Beidha and Jawa, and by the way, other examples could be cited, the water, once collected in the reservoir it could be canalised rather easily. But there were more serious cases, where water supply for a town or a city had to be secured.

Towns which grew in Jordan and Palestine from say c. 3000 B.C. onwards, were, more often than otherwise, built on defensible points, a mountain or a hill. But water was the concern of people who established, and founded such cities, and more importantly it was the concern of people who maintained the administration of such cities.

Then the supply of water was outside the walls and fortifications of the city. So a siege would deprive the inhabitants of their water supply, which would mean a definite surrender to the enemy.

Here came the engineering genius of those people, a genius which saved their towns and cities from such disasters.

We have a number of cases where the engineers took the bull by the horns so to speak. Gezer (Abu Shusheh), Megiddo (Tell el-Mutasilleh) and Jerusalem provide us with what we need for illustration.

In Gezer, in southern Palestine, a tunnel was dug which made it possible for people to reach the water without being endangered.

But an amazing engineering feat was one carried out at Megiddo. This hill-town (or city) is situated at the end of a mountainous pass which links the coastal plain of Palestine with

Mary ibn Amir in the north of the country. Strictly speaking it is a station on the Via Maris, which connects Egypt with central Syria via the coasts of Palestine first, then veering inland.

The supply of water for the city came from a copious spring which was on the south western slope of the hill on which the city stood. My first experience with the place goes back to 1930. I had walked from the coast to Megiddo. I realized the importance of the dashing march of Tuthmosis III in the fifteenth century B.C. which gave him, in addition to other factors, the victory over the princes who gathered there to defend their countries. I was reminded of other marches along this route down to Napoleon and Allenby.

But when I visited the place the copious water spring was available to the villagers, firstly because it was a period of civil administration where defence ramparts did not exist; secondly because the small village was not perched at the top of the hill.

But in earlier periods the place passed through different experiences. Walls and fortifications would be essential. These covered the top of the flat hill (tells). The spring was outside the walls. How to secure the water for the populace in case of a long siege?

A complex water system was executed by the engineers of, probably, the 8th century B.C. The engineers sank "a deep vertical shaft inside the walls down to the water level twenty-five metres below. The upper part of the shaft was driven through the debris of

earlier occupation levels and lined with stones; the lower was gouged out of the bedrock. Access was by steps hewn out of the side of the rock. At the bottom of the shaft a horizontal tunnel about seventy metres long and three metres high was bored right through to the source of the water, the spring itself, passing underneath the city walls. The tunnel was bored simultaneously from both ends; and where the tunnelling gangs met, they had to make a correction of only about one metre to strengthen the course - a remarkable feat of engineering without sophisticated precision instruments." (Magnusson).

When this work was completed the old entrance to the cave of the spring (outside the walls) was blocked off with a thick wall of massive rock. The women of Megiddo could go to fetch their water from the spring without being exposed to any danger.

The Jerusalem tunnel was cut

through the rocks which enabled people to reach the source of water.

Petra had a source which was near the market place. This served the merchants and traders as well as people who lived in the adjacent areas. But higher up, the places which a visitor sees as he enters the rose city, received their water supply through canals hewn in the rock, and these carried the water from Wadi Musa.

In Jordan, where as it is well known, water is fairly scarce, attempts have been made to utilize even drops of water. Lessons of the past, learnt as more and more archaeological excavations reveal them, have certainly had some influence, although more romantic than otherwise. But Jordan has been, during the past quarter of a century, re-examining its development, adopting new plans and applying newer methods in its programmes.

Concerning development of

water resources there is now "Central Water Authority" established in 1960 whose work is to coordinate the development of the water resources of the whole country. Some of the plans adopted or works executed are actually older than the creation of the "Authority".

The most significant and ambitious project is the East Ghor Irrigation Project, which was begun in 1957-8. In a country where only 10 per cent of the land is arable, and half of that is in the Jordan Valley, a canal which will irrigate 120,000 dunums (a dunum is 1000 sq.m) in that valley is certainly important.

The Yarmouk waters were diverted to the canal, which is seventy kilometres long, and one kilometre of it is a tunnel dug in the rocks to "avoid losing gravitational flow of the river." The authors of "Guide to Jordan" (Jerusalem 1977) say: "It [the canal] is the first important hyd-

raulic work done in this part of the world since the fall of the Roman Empire."

When on a recent visit in some parts of the Jordan Valley I felt that the description "open as a greenhouse" suited the place; and brought back to me memories of a desolate land - my earliest experience with the Jordan Valley goes to 1922.

Other projects pertaining to the development of water resources in the country include the construction of five dams at Wadi Zighlab, Shueib, Kafraim, Wadi Khalid and at Zarqa river (King Talal Dam). Wadi Zighlab was completed (1964). Wadi Khalid came to standstill as a result of 1967 war, and King Talal Dam was officially opened in 1978. Others are being worked at.

It is a pleasure to see all this in Jordan: it is hoped that more work will be done, as to allow not a single drop of water to escape unused.



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"Retreat"

By Fawzia Mai  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 26—How many of us have started with wonder at the mysterious patterns in our cups after drinking Turkish coffee? But how many of us have gone a step further and tried to reproduce these patterns on a larger scale and rearrange them into pictures? Suleil Bisharat has, and thus we rise to a new form of art, distinctly Arab in origin and style. Who would challenge the orientation of Turkish coffee (which is merely sweetened Arabic coffee)? Suleil Bisharat is a geologist graduate of the University of London. It was while he was studying there that the idea of using Turkish coffee as a new art medium came to him. A true Arab nationalist, he had carried his private stock of Adani coffee along to Britain. But it was not until 1968 that he put the idea into practice.

Though he never studied art in any art institute, Suleil Bisharat has a large number of artist friends in London and Cambridge who influenced him deeply. One of them, the Italian artist Rodolfo de Sanctis, played a major role in encouraging him and had a direct influence upon his present style. Tall and reserved, Suleil Bisharat spoke to the Jordan Times about his art: "I am preoccupied with the flow of coffee. I have a fascination for coffee cups and the way people explain the patterns' influence on the course of destiny. His art is an interplay among his heritage as an Arab, his training as a geologist and as his love of art."

"As a geologist," he explained, "I have studied lots of rock patterns. They are an important segment in the history of geology. Amorphous and igneous rocks, for instance, have a definite flow."

# Coffee stimulates painter

## Themes in Coffee



an exhibition of paintings by Suleil Bisharat

British Council  
Jabal Amman  
May 29 to June 2  
9am to 1pm / 3pm to 6pm

"Themes in Coffee" - a five day exhibit

This training has given him a strong interest in patterns as well as an unusual source of inspiration.

His paintings are mostly concerned with faces, predominantly sad faces. Why? "Well," replied Suleil Bisharat, "coffee can give me a wide variety of textures and patterns, but only one colour, though in many shades. I like brown. It is a sad colour, and this is probably why I tend to draw sad themes out of it."

It may also be that Suleil Bisharat is a sad person to start with. "My interest in art has always been there," reflects Mr. Bisharat. I used to draw and paint in my spare time. Painting is a very private and secret moment for me, when I can work and create without interruption. I never thought I would come to the stage where I'd be exposed to interviews and exhibitions. This development came gradually as friends started buying his works and later people even came to seek him out to acquire his coffee paintings. "I have become aware and conscious of the polluted world," Mr. Bisharat observed.

Mr. Bisharat has experimented with various media such as wood, cotton paper and canvas in order to obtain different textures. To fix the painting, he has tried wax, fixative sprays, glue, polybonds and cement. "Each one has its own merit," commented Mr. Bisharat. "Nowadays I prefer using Fabriano cotton paper and stabilise the painting with fixative sprays."

Describing his technique briefly, although refusing to reveal his secrets in full by demonstrating it, Mr. Bisharat said: "I get a cup of coffee and allow the coffee to settle for a few hours till there is a sediment. So I obtain a light brown liquid coffee and a dark residue. Next, I spill the coffee on a canvas (or paper) and wait for it to dry, and as it does so, I begin to perceive figures, faces or scenery through the patterns. I use a brush, or my fingers, or Chinese ink to accentuate lines and lines and shape forms."

"At other times, I have a pre-conceived idea in my mind; then I try to spread and spill the coffee so that it will form into the shapes I have in mind." An example of this type of composition is the poster he is going to use for his exhibition at the British Council which opens on May 29. A tilted cup pours an outflow of coffee patterns onto the paper.

An instance of the inspired type of painting is "Vision". Mr. Bisharat's favourite painting. Different textures meet in a crater of white that reveals half the face of a girl.

Another interesting composition is "The Torn Hat" an Arab wearing a kaffieh.

This is again a sad picture, with the sadness overemphasised by tear-like streams of light brown coffee running down here and there. A clever semblance of the typical kaffieh cloth pattern is rendered with the coffee residue.

Why does he limit himself to faces? "I don't know. I like faces and see them more easily, maybe because they are more expressive. I am happy with brown and sadness. But he has also tried other subjects, such as landscapes: unfortunately, they have all been bought up. "The landscape of the Empty Quarter Al Rub' Al Khali of Arabia fits this medium particularly well," Mr. Bisharat said. "I used to work there, digging for oil."

He now plans to form a collection of landscapes of Jordan in coffee. This is indeed a very audacious plan. "But I am uninhibited," claims Mr. Bisharat, "vis-a-vis art critics and the public. I have no restrictions, since I did not graduate from any particular school of arts. I am not afraid because I am not expected to perform according to any standard."

For an untrained artist, he is doing quite well. In fact, he may not be a Picasso yet, but his name will certainly make an imprint in the history of art. He has started tapping a yet unexplored resource and discovered a new richness, in addition to discovering new oil fields.

"I am only beginning," says Mr. Bisharat modestly after ten years of experimenting with coffee art. "and I plan to refine and improve the technique, and explore new avenues, such as painting very slender trees in the Chinese style, and developing the patterns and strata of geological history. I will come up with spectacular results."

A very ambitious wish, but one that is likely to come true if he continues the way he started. Although the exhibition starting on Tuesday at the British Council will be his first formal one, he has already exhibited unofficially in Beirut and in the annual exhibition of the Arabian American Oil Company, where he used to work. He hopes to exhibit in Europe next.



"Vision" - Bisharat's favourite painting



Suleil Bisharat in his studio

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1979

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening to engage in studies to prepare you for a better understanding of the philosophy of life in which you would like to follow. Make long-range plans for the future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good time to organize routines for the future that could bring added income. Let your intuitive perceptions guide you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You understand how to put in practice and gain the benefits.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You are now able to meet with trusted advisers and obtain the data you need. Take time for meditation.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Know what your personal aims are and plan the right way to attain them. Strive for increased harmony at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make sure you do whatever will stamp you as an excellent citizen. Go to social affairs and meet persons who can be helpful to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study new interests that could bring you added revenue in the coming weeks. Take time to be with delightful friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Use your business and you'll know how to discharge promises to others in a most positive and accurate way. Show loyalty to friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Let your values know that you intend to carry through with your part of any contracts between you. Be wise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good day to show appreciation for the favors others have done for you. Take it easy tonight and be happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Change your attitude and you can see things more in their proper perspective. Study the most lofty philosophy you can envision.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You can benefit now by adhering to the finest principles and tenets of your philosophy. Make this a worthwhile day.

## THE Sunday Crossword

(formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)  
Edited by Herb Etkenson

MEMO FROM MAMA  
By Top Oobers

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  - 2 dolly
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  - 25 verse
  - 26 "Have you
  - 27 word?"
  - 28 Harsh
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  - 32 trials
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  - 34 Verishes
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  - 46 Singles
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- Diagramless
- 19 X 19, by Stephen Charles
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  - 9 Blackboard
  - 10 term
  - 11 Possess
  - 12 Destruction
  - 13 Hazard
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  - 15 Tabriz is
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  - 17 Germans
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  - 21 engagements
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  - 26 man
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  - 28 See bird
  - 29 Bracing
  - 30 Brink
  - 31 Rubber
  - 32 Releive
  - 33 Family
  - 34 member,
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  - 36 Capone
  - 37 Bristles
  - 38 Shoot forth
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  - 43 or pile
  - 44 Poor grade
  - 45 Complete

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## AMMAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY (AWSA)

Announces that changes have been made on the rotation programme of pumping water to the different areas within Amman Municipal boundary.

AWSA made sure that water will reach these areas according to this schedule:

- Saturday:** Jabal Al Luweibdeh, Jabal Al Hussein, Jabal Al Nadiif, Pressure Zone No 2 Mouhajreen, the right side of the area between 3rd and 4th Circles.
- Sunday:** Downtown Qousour, Nuzha, Lower part of Jabal Al Hussein, Hussein Camp, Jabal Al Nasr (Alia), Marka/Orjan, the left side of the area between 3rd and 4th Circles.
- Monday:** Shmesani, Jabal Amman till the 3rd Circle, Jabal Taj, Pressure Zone 2 Jofeh, Armenian quarter, Al-Dustour newspaper area (mornings), After the 4th Circle.
- Tuesday:** The Upper part of Jabal Al Luweibdah, The upper part of Jabal Al Hussein, Jabal Taj, Pressure Zone 2 Jofeh, Shalleih, Vegetable market, Albadieh street, The right side between 3rd and 4th Circles.
- Wednesday:** Downtown, Northern and southern Hashimi, Jabal Nasr and Hamlan, The upper part of Marka, The left side between 3rd and 4th Circles, Qala', Salt street, Northern Nuzha.
- Thursday:** Upper Shmeisani, Jabal Amman till 6th Circle (Um Utheinah), Jabal Nazal and Al Akhdar, Jordan University road, Na'our road Wadi Abdoun, Al-Dustour newspaper area (mornings).
- Friday:** Hussein Housing quarter, Ashrafya, Mareikh, Jofeh Wahdat, Pressure Zone 2 Mouhajreen, Rass Wadi Srour, Taj Western part of the Reservoir.

July 1, 1980



### world's oldest script

40 clay tablets of Uruk, discovered 50 years ago, what is now Iraq, date from around 3200 B.C. and have been considered the oldest written story of mankind. After years of meticulous work, the West Berlin University Institute of Archaeology has succeeded in deciphering 600 of the 1000 tablets.

### BRIDGE

**FOREN ARIF**  
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REN: me, East following  
1865  
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of reaching game. That was to bid it himself. Apparently he was laboring under the false impression that a jump to game was a "drop dead" or weakness bid. Common sense dictates that, barring preemptive actions, the more you bid the more you have. Thus, a jump to game by opener must show strength, not weakness.

Consider the mathematics of the situation. A simple response guarantees no more than 6 high-card points, perhaps fewer if responder is distributional. If opener is willing to play game opposite any minimum, he must, therefore, have an enormous hand—20 points or more, or the equivalent in playing strength. Since this is one of the strongest bids opener can make, responder is encouraged to look for slam if he has more than a minimum responding hand.

An analogous sequence would be: West-1♠, East-1♥, West-4♠. Here also opener must have a huge hand—at least 20 points in high cards—for responder has promised no more than 6. A jump raise to three hearts by opener, however, would not show nearly as much strength, and responder would be free to pass with a minimum.

**Q.**—What do you understand by North's second bid in this auction:

North South  
1NT 3♣  
4NT

—E. B. Marietta, Ga.

**A.**—North's bid does not exist in bridge. North has three options available: 1) to bid 3NT with only a doubleton spade; 2) to raise to four spades with support; 3) to cue bid en route to four spades to show a maximum no trump and good support.

However, if my partner threw a four no trump bid at me across the table, I would presume he had taken leave of his senses and was asking for mercy.

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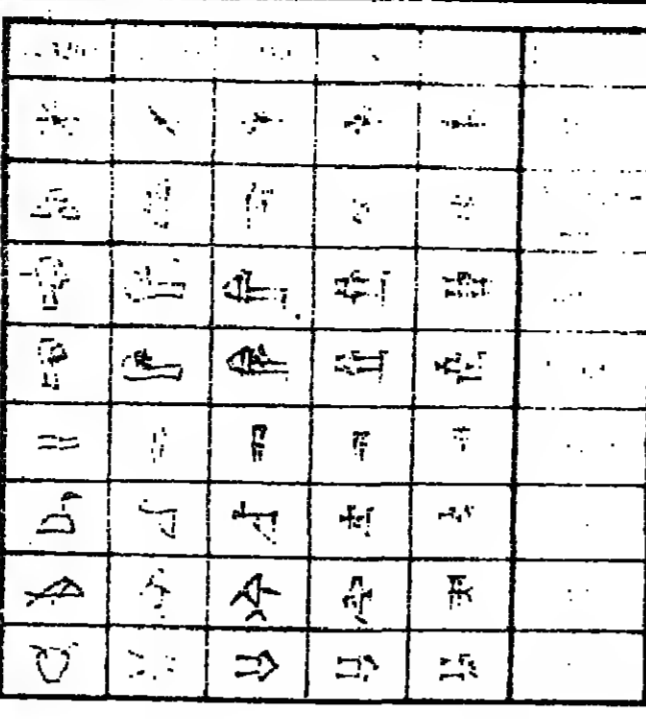
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**DMETHING ON OUR MIND?**

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### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Hann Arnolc and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ICED  
OCHAM  
EWSUIN  
RICOTE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O!" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FOIST THYME ANYHOW GASKET  
Answer: Might be dropped when someone's manners are bad—HINTS

### THE Daily Crossword

by Ruth N. Schultz

**ACROSS**

1 After-bath item  
2 Fastener  
3 Racetrack  
4 Deal  
5 Lower boy  
6 Ophelia  
7 for one  
8 Snide criticism  
9 — homo  
10 Traps shooting  
11 Afflicted  
12 Pianist  
13 And  
14 Danish money

**DOWN**

1 Bill  
2 Woe is me!  
3 Trounce  
4 Dance  
5 "Some Like It Hot"  
6 Astray  
7 Mailed  
8 Massacres  
9 Sinner once again  
10 Noun ending  
11 Between 12 and 20  
12 Tex, Thelma or John  
13 Windshield sticker

**ACROSS**

24 One who refunds  
27 Plant with purple flowers  
30 Unwritten  
31 Meal  
32 "I got you under the covers"  
35 Sannet and others  
37 Relative of atm  
38 Cantor  
40 Inquire  
41 Perfume  
42 Separate  
44 Deny

**DOWN**

47 Guarantees  
48 Beverages  
49 Devoted to home life  
50 Sky Hunter  
51 Jane Austen novel  
52 Saucy one  
53 Spinks  
54 Venetian money  
55 Tha Tabard, for one  
56 Norse goddess  
57 Time period  
58 Bill  
59 Woe is me!  
60 Trounce  
61 Dance  
62 "Some Like It Hot"  
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### Peanuts

MAYBE YOU'RE NOT A SONGBIRD... MAYBE YOU'RE A CROW... TRY SOME "CAWS"

NO, NO, NO! THOSE WILL NEVER DO!

THOSE ARE HOPELESS CAUSES! HEE HEE HEE!

I CAN'T HELP IT... I ALWAYS LAUGH!

### Andy Capp

HERE 'E COMES PET, WATCH 'IM, WATCH 'IM!

I AM WATCHIN' 'IM!

IT NEVER SEEMS TO OCCUR TO THIS WOMAN THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS I'M CAPABLE OF DOIN' ON MY OWN!

### Mutt 'n' Jeff

OH, GOSH, I ONLY HAVE FIVE DOLLARS WITH ME!

OH!

I NEED THE SHOES TONIGHT! WILL IT BE O.K. IF I BRING YOU THE \$3.59 BALANCE TOMORROW?

WELL, I GUESS SO!

DON'T WORRY, BOSS, HE'LL COME BACK!

WHAT THE... TWO LEFT SHOES?

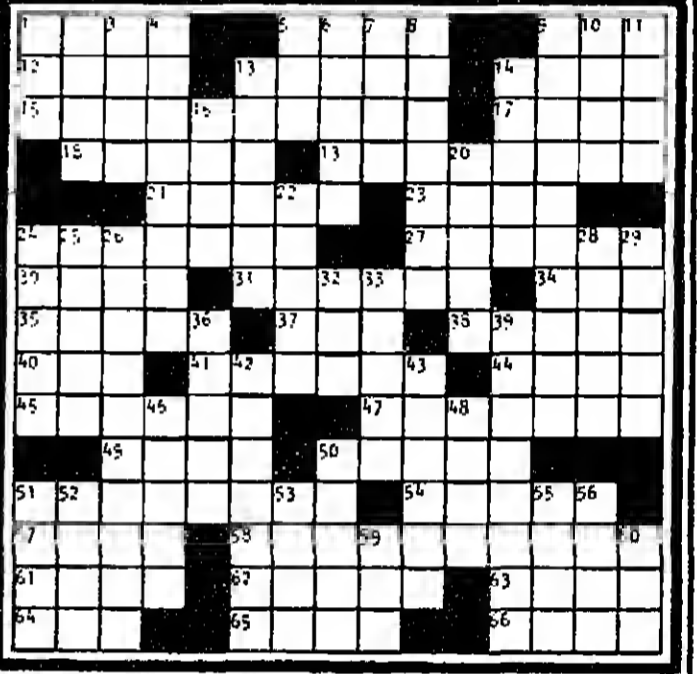
### Flintstones

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

HE SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE THE MESSAGE ON OUR ANSWERING SERVICE!

ANSWERING SERVICE? WHAT ANSWERING SERVICE?

EH EH!



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### THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



"Of course I remember our anniversary. It happens to be the same date that I finally broke 100 at golf."

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

### JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3	CHANNEL 4
5:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
5:45 Cartoons	7:00 News in French
6:00 Thelma's programme	7:30 News in Hebrew
6:30 Arabic programme	8:00 Comedy
6:40 Harry Potter	8:30 Thelma and Sara
7:00 Sports and youth	10:00 News in English
7:30 News in Arabic	10:15 Excitement
8:00 Arabic series	
8:30 Arabic programme	
10:12 Executive suite	
11:00 News in Arabic	

### VOICE OF AMERICA

TIME	PROGRAM
12:00	The Breakfast Show
12:30	News on the hour and 30 min. after each hour
1:00	News and New Products (USA)
1:30	12:30 Choice
2:00	Studio One
2:30	Special English News
3:00	World and then stories, feature "People in America"

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### AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
7:30 Cairo (EAT)	7:00 Amman
8:15 Jeddah	7:30 Amman
8:45 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (UAE)	8:00 Amman
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### BBC RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM
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13:30	Short Story
13:45	Saudi Jazzy Nights
14:00	Shakespeare and Son
14:15	Radiophonic
14:30	Concert
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### EMERGENCIES

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Police	112
Fire	119
Medical	115
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Police (English)	112
Police (French)	112
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Police (Swiss)	112
Police (U.S.)	112

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Service	Phone
Ambulance (government)	21111
Ambulance (private)	21112
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## World News Briefs

Canada's new premier to take over June 4

JASPER, Alberta, May 26 (R)—Canada's prime minister-elect, Mr. Joe Clark, agreed in a seven-minute telephone conversation with predecessor Pierre Trudeau yesterday that his new government should take over on June 4, a spokesman said. Mr. Clark's Progressive Conservative Party beat Mr. Trudeau's Liberals in last Tuesday's general election, but Mr. Clark, 39, has shown no hurry to assume office. He has stayed in Jasper, a Rocky Mountains resort, consulting with aides and getting briefings from civil servants. Mr. Trudeau, technically still prime minister, has remained in his official residence at Ottawa. Next week he will meet Liberal Party MPs who are expected to give him a rousing vote of confidence as leader.

Nepal said quiet after moves to end riots

KATMANDU, May 26 (R)—Nepal was reported quiet today following moves by King Birendra to end political riots which killed 17 people and threatened to plunge the Himalayan kingdom into revolutionary chaos. The independent Motherland newspaper, in an editorial, welcomed an announcement by the royal palace yesterday that unpopular Prime Minister Kirtinidhi Bista had tendered his resignation. The king asked Mr. Bista, 52, to stay on in office until the national Panchayat (legislature) meets on May 30 to choose his successor. Mr. Bista, premier since September 1977, has been criticised for the government's handling of student and political demonstrations throughout Nepal in which 17 people have been killed, according to official figures.

Finland has new coalition government

HELSINKI, May 26 (R)—Finnish President Urho Kekkonen today appointed a new coalition government headed by Central Bank governor Mauno Koivisto. The move came two months after the fall of the centre-left coalition of Social Democrat Kalevi Sorsa in general elections that produced a big swing to the right. The new alliance of Social Democrats, Centrists, Communists and Swedish People's representatives will hold 133 of the 200 seats in the Eduskunta (parliament). Mr. Koivisto, 55, also a Social Democrat and tipped as a possible successor to President Kekkonen, was premier in 1968-70. He was asked to form a government two weeks ago, although he does not hold a parliamentary seat. Nine of the 17 cabinet posts go to neo-socialists in line with what is becoming a convention that the cabinet should reflect the balance in parliament.

272 killed in worst U.S. air disaster

## Trouble said to have been spotted before DC-10 was airborne

CHICAGO, May 26 (R)—An air traffic controller spotted trouble aboard the American Airlines jumbo jet just before it took off and crashed in the United States' worst air disaster killing 272 people, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman said today.

The DC-10 was taxiing down the runway at O'Hare Airport yesterday when the controller saw what the spokesman said could have been smoke or a trail of fuel coming from the left engine.

The controller asked the crew: "American 191, do you want to come back and to what runway?" but there was no reply.

The three-engine airliner lost

the engine seconds after lifting off and the crowded plane plummeted about 70 metres to the ground, exploding and disintegrating in flames. Earlier reports said at least 276 people had died.

A National Transportation Safety Board official said the plane could have flown as far as its destination of Los Angeles on two

engines; but the low altitude at which the mishap occurred left no room to manoeuvre.

A spokesman for American Airlines said all 257 passengers and 13 crew members on its flight 191 were killed. Two men working in a hangar were struck and killed by flaming debris.

The plane plunged into a field, narrowly missing a caravan camp about 24 kilometres from Chicago's city centre. Two of the mobile homes were damaged, but no other deaths on the ground were reported.

The FAA said it had recovered the flight recorder and the voice tape of the crew, both of which will be crucial keys in the investigation.

Many witnesses described smoke or a flash coming from the port (left) engine, which then fell back to the runway. They said the jet zig-zagged, headed skyward and then veered left, plunging to earth.

A pillar of flame rose hundreds of metres into the sky, sending out an intense wave of heat and incinerating those aboard, eyewitnesses said.

The jet was crowded because of the Memorial Day holiday and a strike which had grounded flights of the alternative United Airlines.

Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne, whose first husband was killed in a plane crash near the city in 1959, visited the scene and offered her sympathy to families of the victims.

Aided by floodlights, officials worked through the night to recover bodies which were taken to a temporary morgue set up in a hangar.

Among those on board were four people associated with Playboy magazine, including Managing Editor Sheldon Wax and his wife, Judith, a well-known author.

Also dead were Victoria Chen Hader, Playboy fiction editor and Mary Tierney Sheridan, foreign and administrative editor for the magazine.



Chicago crash scene

Numbered flag markers indicate where victims of Friday's DC-10 airliner crash were found amid the wreckage. The figures indicate the number of bodies found at each spot. (AP wirephoto)

## Panamanian ship rams ashore in Hong Kong with 800 Viet refugees

HONG KONG, May 26 (R)—A small Panamanian freighter defied police warnings and rammed ashore on a Hong Kong beach today in an apparently desperate bid to land its human cargo of 800 Vietnamese refugees.

It was the most spectacular in a long line of refugee dramas played out recently in this British colony.

This afternoon, marine police spotted the 800-ton freighter Sen On steaming into Hong Kong. The Panamanian ship ignored police

requests to stop, suddenly swerved off course and beached on an island.

A government spokesman said: "About 200 refugees jumped overboard and went ashore. They have all been rounded up now."

Police reinforcements have been rushed to the island, Lantau.

Ship captains convicted of carrying unscheduled passengers into Hong Kong face four years' imprisonment and seizure of their vessel.

The Sen On's dramatic beaching happened as the British freighter Sibonga spent its third day lying off Hong Kong and the authorities waited for an answer from London on the fate of the 982 Vietnamese aboard.

The number of Vietnamese now in Hong Kong totals 35,000. A prison and an old army camp have been hastily converted to cope with an influx of "boat people" sailing in on the favourable summer monsoon winds.

## U.S. president slaps back at 'dump Carter' initiative

WASHINGTON, May 26 (R)—President Carter has rounded off one of the worst weeks of his political career in a fighting mood by virtually telling fellow Democrats he will run again for the presidency next year and win.

The president, striking out against a "dump Carter" movement in his own party and public critics who portray him as indecisive, told the party's national committee yesterday that he did not intend to back down from

doing what was right because of unfavourable public opinion polls. "I have never backed down from a fight," he said. "In spite of our problems I look forward to the future, including 1980 (the presidential election)."

He said he intended, if he ran, to take his fight to every area of the country. "And I have no doubt it will be successful."

Declaring that the main issue of next year's election would be the country's mounting energy crisis, the president criticised congressmen and oil industry lobbyists for thwarting his attempts to get energy measures through Congress.

The House of Representatives recently refused his request for a standby petrol rationing plan for use in an emergency.

And this week the Democrats in the House voted two to one against the president's plan to encourage oil production by lifting price controls on locally produced oil.

Their vote was non-binding and simply an expression of the opinion of the democratic caucus. But it was a strong rebuff for the president, and its sponsor intends to submit it to the full House as a binding amendment.

At the same time, five democratic congressmen came out in open rebellion against the president by announcing a "dump Carter" movement. Three of them called for Senator Edward Kennedy to take Mr. Carter's place in next year's presidential elections.

Mr. Carter was spurred on to make an aggressive speech by his close political ally, Mayor Col-

man Young of Detroit, a Black, who told the Democrats: "As of this moment the campaign to re-elect the president is on."

Mr. Young praised the president for his work on rebuilding the run-down inner cities of the nation and for appointing minorities in his administration and in the courts.

Mr. Carter said the American people were disturbed by what they saw as "demagoguery and political timidity" in Washington. "They see a Congress pushed in every direction by hundreds of well-financed and powerful special interests. The American peo-

ple don't like it and neither do I," he said.

But he added he could not place all the blame on Congress because part of it belonged with the people themselves who refused to believe in the energy crisis.

"They just think a miracle is going to occur," he said, adding that the public expected petrol to come spurting out of secret bidding places.

Most of Mr. Carter's problems this week came from his party's liberal wing, which regards Senator Kennedy as a champion of liberal causes and sees the president as a conservative.

Recent public opinion polls have consistently shown Senator Kennedy as well ahead of Mr. Carter.

But despite frequent calls on him to run, Senator Kennedy has said he will not seek the presidency and intends to support Mr. Carter and help him win.

In the immediate future, however, the president is trying to win enough support in Congress to push through his remedies for the energy situation, which has caused mile-long queues at petrol stations in California and sent prices close to \$1 for a U.S. gallon.

## Economic News Briefs

IFAD to lend N. Yemen \$12m. for irrigation

ROME, May 26 (R)—The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will lend North Yemen \$12 million to expand farmland on the Red Sea coast by nearly 100 per cent, a spokesman said yesterday. IFAD, a Rome-based international aid agency financed by industrialised and oil-producing nations, said the loan had no interest and only a one per cent service charge and was repayable in 50 years starting in ten years time. The IFAD aid is part of an \$87.6 million irrigation project increasing by 22,000 hectares the farmland now under cultivation on the Yemen coast to a total of 48,000 hectares, the spokesman said.

Oil producers warned against raising prices

KUWAIT, May 26 (R)—Former Saudi Arabian oil minister Abdullah Al Tariki yesterday blamed the United States and other Western countries for the oil crisis and warned producers against raising prices. Mr. Tariki told a Kuwaiti weekly magazine, Al-Hadaf, that next month's OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in Geneva should not raise oil prices. "It will not be to the OPEC's interest, because a price hike would arouse fears which in turn could lead to the break-up of the organisation," he stated. Mr. Tariki, who lives in Kuwait, said the current oil crisis was unreal. "The United States and other industrialised countries are behind the oil crisis, which they created in their campaign to force their people to reduce oil consumption and for political gains," he added.

Nigeria raises price of its crude oil

NEW YORK, May 26 (R)—Nigeria has raised the price of its crude oil by between \$2.40 and \$2.45 a barrel, effective May 16, the trade newsletter Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said yesterday. The increase brought the price of the country's light crude oil to \$20.96 a barrel, among the highest in the world for oil sold by contract for export. Nigeria is the United States' second largest supplier of oil and the newsletter said the increase could add almost six cents a gallon to U.S. petrol and diesel fuel bills. Algeria, another major U.S. supplier, last week lifted its crude oil price by \$2.45 to \$21 a barrel.

Czechoslovakia, USSR pledge cooperation

PRAGUE, May 26 (AP)—The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia yesterday pledged to improve joint economic planning and increase their contribution to the development and production of nuclear energy within the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon). A communique to that effect was issued here as Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin ended talks with his counterpart, Mr. Lubomir Strougal and flew home. Mr. Kosygin's visit in Czechoslovakia centred on nuclear energy and technology, of which Czechoslovakia is chief supplier within Comecon after the Soviet Union. The communique added that both sides "stressed the forthcoming conclusion of the Soviet-American Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty and its coming into effect will be a great contribution to the slowdown of the nuclear arms race and pave the way toward its definite halt."

Iran's new currency will use Islamic motif

TEHRAN, Iran, May 26 (AP)—The Central Bank of Iran announced today that the country's bank notes and coins will officially change "in the near future" and incorporate an Islamic motif in place of a portrait of the Shah. Money will now picture the shrine of Imam Reza, the eighth leader of the Shiite faith, on one side and "appropriate designs inspired by the Islamic revolution" on the back, according to the bank statement. The bank said Iran's coins will have to change because the "type of government will have to be specified on the coins." The new coins will bear the words "The Islamic Republic of Iran."

## Meeting of EEC, ACP ends without agreement on new trade, aid pact

BRUSSELS, May 26 (R)—A meeting of the European Community and 57 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries has failed in a final attempt to agree on a new trade and aid pact, but negotiators are expected to try again in June, French officials said today.

They said talks on a pact to succeed the 1975 Lome Convention when it expires next year have not broken down, but it was impossible to agree on the whole package this week.

The chief negotiators for the two sides, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet and Gabonese Planning Minister Michel Anchouey, agreed today to recommend the new meeting.

Mr. Anchouey said last night a Community offer of \$6.7 billion

over five years was not big enough.

The next meeting of the 66 ACP and EEC countries now seems certain to be about June 25-26, after the Common Market summit in Strasbourg, France, and before the seven-nation Tokyo summit.

A French spokesman said today: "It is not a breakdown at all, it is an adjournment. There is no doubt this association will continue. Each side will have to make concessions. It is the financial package which is difficult."

French officials said there was no agreement yet on how to link EEC aid to respect for human rights in the ACP countries. They said it was difficult to see how a mechanism to do this could be written into the new convention.

## Mrs. Thatcher puzzles the housewives

By David Churchill

LONDON—The British housewife was left puzzled by the recent decision of Britain's first woman prime minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, to scrap the government department responsible for consumer protection and price control.

Mrs. Thatcher's decision to axe the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection was one of her first political acts since winning the British general election. In spite of the fact that rising prices were one of the key issues of the recent bitterly contested election campaign, Mrs. Thatcher is so firmly against formal price controls—which she believes hamper industry—that she decided to abolish the Department of Prices.

She is expected to follow this shortly by abolishing the two-year old Price Commission set up by the previous Labour administration and which the Conservative Party has publicly described as a "Mafia-like Star Chamber".

British consumer organisations were initially angry at Mrs. Thatcher's apparent disregard so soon after the election for the housewives who helped to put her in office, but they now believe that the prime minister may soften her policy. It is understood that Mrs. Thatcher is considering renaming the Department of Trade which took over the responsibilities and



Prime Minister Thatcher

staff of the defunct Prices Department and instead call it the Department of Trade and Consumer Affairs.

Although the scrapping of the Department of Prices removed a consumer champion (the prices secretary) from within the prime minister's cabinet, the emphasis on consumer affairs in the Department of Trade's prospective new title could mean that the consumer's voice will still be heard within the inner sanctum of government.

To others in the consumer movement, and to the public at large, the point may be only of academic interest. What is more

relevant to them is the fact that, after ten years when consumerism in the U.K. has come of age, politicians still need to be reminded that considering the consumer is a responsibility and not an act of charity.

One of the first acts of the previous Tory administration (1970 to 1974) was the abolition of the old Pay and Prices Board and the axing of the Consumer Council and specialist consumer advice centres.

Yet within three years the government had back-tracked on its previous policy, setting up a special minister for consumer affairs, establishing the Office of Fair Trading, and initiating a range of consumer protection legislation.

This approach was followed by the 1974 Labour government which introduced a number of laws over its five years in office

which have given British consumers far greater protection than ever before.

The Labour government also adopted a more interventionist approach to price rises through its revamped Price Commission (the first Price Commission was in fact set up by the Conservatives in 1973) and the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection which it established in 1974 and which has now been axed.

This has meant that, on the eve of the 1980s, the consumer movement in Britain has lost something of the drive of the mid-1970s when new consumer bodies were being formed and legislation was being introduced thick and fast.

It is against this background that Mrs. Thatcher's approach to consumer affairs must be considered. Her policy appears to be

that while the British consumer is largely protected in law from the worst excesses of capitalism, there is still a case for greater protection in the long term against the unfair trading practices of some companies.

Thus Mrs. Thatcher, through her ministers at the Department of Trade, is expected to carry out a thorough review of the government's whole approach to monopolies, mergers, and restrictive trade practices such as illegal price-fixing rings.

Her approach is likely to be much tougher than would normally be expected from a Conservative prime minister towards British companies although she is a firm believer in the traditional Tory doctrine of competition and efficiency.

Ironically, the Labour government also believed in competition as the best way in the long-run to keep prices down and thus protect the consumer. But the difference between Labour and Conservatives was that Labour felt that an active Price Commission was the best way of forcing companies to improve efficiency and competitiveness.

Critics of Mrs. Thatcher's approach argue that without some "teeth" to her policy, companies will not improve their efficiency.

However, Mrs. Thatcher is likely to give the Office of Fair Trading, a semi-governmental body, the task of keeping a watch-

ing brief on prices and to publicise any rises it believes are unjust.

Mrs. Thatcher seems more determined to help protect the consumer in the nationalised industries than in any other particular area. The Tories believe that the nationalised industries have such a power over ordinary people's lives through their control of transport, electricity, gas, coal, telephones, and so on, that it is important that the government should help protect the consumer.

Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, who has been given the responsibility for consumer affairs in the government, believes that the consumer movement's challenge for the next ten years is to improve the choice for consumers. And this can best be achieved by encouraging companies to be more competitive, she believes.

But all this may be a bit esoteric for the average British housewife. She probably best remembers the storm of controversy Mrs. Thatcher created a few years ago when she revealed that her personal method of beating inflation was to stockpile a larger full of tinned foods. If the rate of inflation starts to rise steeply again—a most economists expect—that may be the best advice of all that Mrs. Thatcher can give the consumer for the 1980s.

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